

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; David Bayne, David Campbell, John Lundeen, Gerald Nielsen.

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and stated that the Selectmen as listed were in attendance, and there was a quorum present.

Presentation of New Sidewalk Installation Priority Ranking

Mr. Steeger reviewed the Sidewalk Installation Policy that was adopted in September 2012 and outlined the criteria used in the development of the following matrix.

Location	Safety				Connectivity				Construction				Ranking				Cost			
	Busy Road, Accidents	Pedestrian Intensity of Use	Weighting Factor	total Safety Rank	Active Destination	Connectivity	Public Demand	Weighting Factor	Total Connectivity Rank	Available ROW	Terrain	Obstructions, Utility Poles	Existing Trees impact on Canopy	Drainage Conditions	Ability to provide snow shelf	Is there an existing sidewalk		Weighting Factor	Total Connectivity Rank	Total Score
Leroy at Middlesex	3	3	3	18	3	3	3	2	18	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	1	15	51	\$ 120,000
Tokeneke near OKHS	3	2	3	15	3	3	2	2	16	3	3	2	3	0	3	3	1	17	48	\$ 75,000
Mansfield Overbrook to Mansfield Pl	3	3	3	18	3	2	0	2	10	1	3	3	1	0	3	3	1	14	42	\$ 75,000
Hoyt CC to NC line	3	2	3	15	3	2	3	2	16	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	7	38	\$ 640,000
West near Leroy	3	2	3	15	3	3	0	2	12	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	34	\$ 75,000
Edgerton to West Ave	1	1	3	6	1	2	2	2	10	3	3	2	1	0	3	3	1	15	31	\$ 36,000
Mansfield McLaren to Royle	3	3	3	18	3	1	0	2	8	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	29	\$ 37,500

Mr. Bayne asked if there was narrative on how the factors were determined and requested the back up supporting documents in order to review the rationale behind the evaluation.

Mr. Steeger agreed to forward this to him by e-mail. First Selectman Stevenson commented that this was useful and a simple method of evaluating the projects proposed and that she feels confident of the professional insight of the DPW staff to apply this subjective evaluation.

Mr. Bayne asked about the public input from many comments made at meetings regarding Hoyt Street and that the intensity of the public's request for action and involvement was factored into the analysis. He noted that he had received an email from a resident regarding a near miss of almost being hit by a car along Hoyt Street, and this speaks to the need for making that project a priority.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read her report as follows:

Private Associations - One of the after action items from Super Storm Sandy is the need for the Town to update our information regarding Private Associations. We need to have the ability to reach out to the associations in times of disaster to better coordinate needed responses. Planning and Zoning is undertaking a public outreach initiative to gather updated information.

“Lock It or Leave It” — In response to the Newtown tragedy, the Darien Police Department is publicizing a program that they offer to provide free gun locks or the ability to relinquish an unwanted weapon to the police. CT law requires a person to have a valid permit to carry pistols and revolvers so if you have a permit, you can bring the gun to the police department but you must leave it in your car and ask for officer assistance to retrieve it. An alternative is to call for an officer to come to your home to pick up the weapon. For more information, you can call the Police Detective Bureau at 203-662-5330.

8-30g Legislative Initiatives — I reported prior to the holiday that SWRPA has introduced a legislative initiative to make meaningful modification to CT Statute 8-30g. I would like to applaud the efforts of one of our State Representative, Terrie Wood for her continued work on this initiative. Terrie has spent several years building relationships and bi-partisan support for several bills that will be introduced in the legislature this Friday. Terrie, along with a bipartisan group of 10-15 legislators will introduce 5 bills addressing several deficiencies of 8-30g. It is important to note that the purpose of these legislative initiatives is to strengthen affordable housing law and to create incentives for the actual development of affordable housing. I will pass on the draft bill language when I receive it. I look forward to working with Terrie on this and hope that Darien's other representatives, Senator Duff, Senator Leone and Representative Tong will join the growing bipartisan group supporting these changes.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff stated that with regard to 2013-14 budgets, submissions by department heads have been done and presentations will begin next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action on Tax Assessment Settlement of the case of Grimes v. Town of Darien.

Mr. Kilduff presented the item and referred to the supporting documents as contained in the agenda packet.

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION:**

THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVES SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF GRIMES V. TOWN OF DARIEN, (FST-CV-12-60L244-5 AND FST-CV-L2-6013917-S) TO AMEND THE FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO \$3,100,000 FROM \$3,539,800. THE AMENDED FAIR MARKET VALUE OF \$3,100,000 WILL APPLY TO THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2008, GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2009. GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2010, THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT.

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and Take Action, on Request for Funding for Beach Furniture for Weed Beach

Mr. Coughlin, from Recreation & Parks stated that during the 2013 budget process for the project, exterior site furnishings were selected and a fund raising campaign/gift catalog was created. He explained that the campaign has been slow and rentals have been down due to the lack of furniture, and the Commission would like to use \$52,430 of the funds remaining in the current project to purchase the amenities on the list as follows:

Fire Alarm programming and activation	\$700
Fire Alarm Electrical	\$500
<u>Paddle Warming Hut:</u>	
Couches (2)	\$2000
Lamps (2)	\$225
Tables (2)	\$900
Misc	\$300
Folding Tables with cart	\$2000
Folding Chairs	\$2900
Audo/visual equipment	\$2300
<u>Guard/First Aid Rooms</u>	
Club Settee w/navy cushions	
Club chair w/navy cushions	
Club coffee tlbs, end tlbs	\$2600
<u>Site Furnishings:</u>	
Adirondack chairs (12)	\$2000
Benches w/back (6)	\$3120
Benches w/o back (2)	\$600
Picnic Tables (beach & play) (8)	
Picnic Tables ADA (2)	\$7700
Covered Display Cases (3)	\$3000
Recycling/Refuse containers (9 clusters	
Single stream double cont)	\$16560
Refuse 32 gal w/dome lid (10)	\$5000
TOTAL	\$52,430

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ABOVE ITEMS FROM REMAINING FUNDS IN THE WEED BEACH PROJECT.**
- ** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Transfer:

Mr. Kilduff referred to the supporting documented that outlined the details of the transfer requested. He explained that the Board of Finance expressed a concern regarding the pending magnitude of local capital reserve funding needed to sustain the vehicle replacement plan developed by the fire departments to address the funding concern. He further explained that this will help the Town engage a consultant that has fire service experience, to assess the vehicle replacement plan, assess the condition of current equipment and assist the Town in developing a new plan which can be funded appropriately and allow for the needed equipment replacements for the three volunteer fire departments..

<u>From:</u>			<u>To:</u>		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
	Contingency	\$10,000	TBD	Fire Apparatus Study	\$10,000
	TOTAL	\$10,000		TOTAL	\$10,000

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE THE ABOVE TRANSFER AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Review

First Selectman Stevenson stated that budget is the key item on the upcoming agendas.

Appointments/Reappointments

Consider and take action on the following re-appointments:

Debra Hertz to the Human Services Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2011 and expiring on November 30, 2014.

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA HERTZ TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014.**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA:**

Laurie Williams reappointment to the SWERPA Commission for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First Selectman Stevenson stated that this is a unique reappointment based upon her experience and within the purview of the DPW recommendation. She added that we are very lucky to have her willing to continue to serve, and she plans to bring them in to an upcoming meeting for an update on SWERPA items including the Corridor Study.

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF LAURIE WILLIAMS REAPPOINTMENT TO THE SWERPA COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2014.
** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA:
Resolution Reflecting the Sense of the Board of Selectmen.
** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First Selectman Stevenson read the proposed resolution

Mr. Bayne stated that as discussed at a previous meeting, and in view of the one month anniversary of this tragedy, as public officials we need to make a statement in support of legislative measures such as of a ban on assault weapons. He stated that this coincides nationally with Vice President Biden's legislative efforts and he felt it was important for municipalities to show support on a local level to make a difference to prevent this from happening again.

First Selectman Stevenson noted that this resolution was run by Chief Lovello and Wayne Fox and is universally appealing and representative of changes being made across the country.

Mr. Lundeen stated that he agrees wholeheartedly that this resolution is an effort on a small town effort to support this legislature in a bipartisan way.

****MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, the recent tragic events at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, a Town much like Darien, have shocked and saddened the people of Darien; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen acknowledges that deterring future horrific crimes of this nature requires a holistic approach to safety, mental health awareness and support as well as meaningful gun regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen wishes to preserve all Constitutional rights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Darien Board of Selectmen supports the enactment of sensible state and federal legislation requiring effective background checks on all persons purchasing firearms and restricting the commercial availability of military grade assault weapons, military grade ammunition and high capacity magazines.

**** MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OTHER BUSINESS - There was no other business.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

January 15, 2013	Joint Department Heads Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
January 15, 2013	Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.
January 15, 2013	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
January 16, 2013	Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
January 22, 2013	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
January 28, 2013	Board of Selectmen Special Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
January 29, 2013	Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.
February 4, 2013	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Adjournment

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services